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The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A phacoemulsification cannula comprising:  
a threaded hub for engagement with a phacoemulsification surgical instrument;  
an elongated phacoemulsification needle having a proximal end attached to the hub and a distal end; and  
the phacoemulsification needle having a first and second inner diameter wherein the first inner diameter is larger than the second inner diameter and  
wherein a transition from the first inner diameter to the second inner diameter is closer to the proximal end than to the distal end and wherein the first inner diameter extends from the distal end toward the proximal end, and wherein ultrasonic energy is transferred from the surgical instrument to the needle during surgery.
2. **(Currently Amended)** The [needle] cannula of claim 1, wherein the transition includes a radius.
3. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 1, wherein the transition includes a conical surface connecting the first and second inner diameters.

4. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 1, wherein the transition includes at least one additional inner diameter stepped between the first and second inner diameters wherein the additional inner diameter is smaller than the first inner diameter and larger than the second inner diameter.
5. **(Previously Presented)** A phacoemulsification needle comprising:  
an elongated phacoemulsification needle having proximal and distal ends,  
wherein the proximal end is structured for attachment to a  
phacoemulsification surgical instrument; and  
the needle having a first and a second inner diameter wherein the first  
inner diameter is larger than the second inner diameter and  
wherein a transition from the first inner diameter to the second inner  
diameter is closer to the proximal end than to the distal end and  
wherein the first inner diameter extends from the distal end toward  
the proximal end.
6. **(Original)** The needle of claim 5, wherein the transition includes a radius.
7. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 5, wherein the transition includes a  
conical surface connecting the first and second inner diameters.
8. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 5, wherein the transition includes at least  
one additional inner diameter stepped between the first and second inner  
diameters wherein the additional inner diameter is small than the first inner  
diameter and larger than the second inner diameter.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A phacoemulsification cannula comprising:  
an elongated phacoemulsification needle having proximal and distal ends,  
wherein the proximal end is structured for attachment to a  
phacoemulsification surgical instrument;  
a first bore within the cannula extending from the distal end toward the  
proximal end;  
a second bore within the cannula extending from the proximal end to the  
first bore; and  
wherein the second bore has a smaller diameter than the first bore and is  
of sufficient length to provide a desired pressure drop during use  
across the length of the second bore and wherein an intersection of  
the first and second bores is nearer the proximal end than the distal  
end.
10. **(Currently Amended)** The [needle] cannula of claim 9, wherein the  
transition includes a radius.
11. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 9, wherein the transition includes a  
conical surface connecting the first and second inner diameters.
12. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 9, wherein the transition includes at least  
one additional inner diameter stepped between the first and second inner  
diameters wherein the additional inner diameter is smaller than the first  
inner diameter and larger than the second inner diameter.